

members through several children's programs, the Family Readiness Program, and even as a co-author of a book for children of Wounded Warriors.

Lieutenant General Ingram is a source of great pride for eastern North Carolina. I have witnessed the progression of his career over the years and I am very proud to see his dedication, sacrifices, and contributions recognized with this appointment and promotion. I offer my sincere appreciation for his service to the United States of America and the great state of North Carolina. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Lieutenant General William E. Ingram, Jr. on receiving his recent promotion to the rank of lieutenant general and his appointment as Director of the Army National Guard.

HONORING JENNIE STULTZ

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, Jennie Stultz, mayor of Gastonia, NC, has a motto—"city pride." I couldn't have described her any better myself.

Jennie is retiring in a few weeks, after 12 years as mayor of Gastonia. Her impact on the city will be long-lasting and her leadership greatly missed.

Jennie did that which is most important as a mayor and a native of Gastonia—she put the good of her city first. Partisan politics always took a backseat to making sure that everyone had a seat at the table when making the decisions that moved Gastonia forward.

And move forward it did. Jennie was committed to economic and residential development, and made decisions that brought businesses and residents to Gastonia. She credits the redevelopment of downtown Gastonia as one of her greatest accomplishments—an accomplishment of which she should be very proud.

Under Jennie's tenure, Gastonia was twice named an All-America City, an award that commends the innovation and civic engagement of the city.

Even after all of this, Jennie's best quality is being able to laugh at herself. She takes her job seriously—no doubt about it—but she doesn't take herself seriously. As an elected official at any level, and especially in our current political climate, that's definitely an asset.

Anyone who has ever worked with Jennie will tell you that she's a joy to be around. I have greatly enjoyed both the professional and personal relationship that we've shared throughout the years, and know that our friendship is a lasting one.

Gastonia has never had a bigger cheerleader than Mayor Jennie Stultz. There is no doubt that she loves the people and the place, and they love her back. She will be missed, but even though she won't be mayor, we all look forward to the continued contributions that Jennie will make to Gastonia, NC.

HONORING SAMUEL PATRICK STOWERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel Patrick Stowers. Samuel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Samuel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Samuel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Samuel has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Samuel Patrick Stowers for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING SAMANTHA GRAY OF SPRINGFIELD, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Samantha Gray, a 2011 Critical Language Scholarship Program Recipient. Samantha has been identified by her educators for her academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship to participate in the Critical Language Scholarship Program in Kyoto, Japan.

This Critical Language Scholarship Program allows students to participate in daily educational activities in Kyoto, Japan, as well as the surrounding areas. The program provides participants with the opportunity to build relationships with young leaders from all over the world with an intense focus in the Japanese language, one of the thirteen "critical needs" foreign languages determined by the Department of State for summer 2012. At the end of the program, participants receive a certificate of completion.

Samantha is a student at the University of Georgia. It is inspiring to see young people who are interested in international educational and developmental experiences such as these.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable achievement by Samantha Gray and wishing her continued success in her further pursuits.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF RODNEY CARROLL

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life of Rodney

Carroll, a community activist from my district. Rodney was a very active member of his community, a loving husband and father.

Rodney's work with the Department of Youth and Community Development will live on forever in the city of New York. As Vice-Chair of the Community Action Board he had a sincere enthusiasm for this position. He was a very determined person and would do everything he could to achieve his goal of making sure the youth and their families would have community organizations that were effective to their needs. His work with Social Service Employee Union Local 371, DC 37 as a staff representative and organizer also will never be forgotten. He continuously fought for workers rights in the community. Rodney was the definition of a true Harlemit. The future of New York City's youth has vastly improved because of the work this man has accomplished.

Rodney believed in our youngsters and their work. They are most fortunate to have had someone like him stand up for what's right and get them the resources that they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the life of this very honorable man. Let's encourage others to continue helping communities the way Rodney Carroll did. Our body must continue to recognize community leaders like him because they are the one's who have a direct impact on the lives of the children in our communities. The youth in this country are better off because of people like Rodney.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RONALD J. DEL MAURO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Ronald J. Del Mauro, Chief Executive Officer of Barnabas Health, for his forty-five years of service. His continued efforts to revitalize and further develop the organization and its services will be recognized at his retirement ceremony on December 8, 2011. Mr. Del Mauro's tremendous efforts to assist the constituents of New Jersey is worthy of this body's recognition.

Ronald Del Mauro began his career with Saint Barnabas Medical Center in 1967 and served as Vice President for Human Resources and Director of Personnel for fourteen years. In 1985, he was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of Saint Barnabas Medical Center, the position he currently maintains to this day. In 1983, Mr. Del Mauro was named Senior Vice President for Human Resources for the Saint Barnabas Corporation. His appointment also included General Manager and Chief Operating Officer of Livingston Services Corporation, the for-profit affiliate of Barnabas Health. In 1986, he was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. Mr. Del Mauro was later elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Medical Center in 1993. Concurrently, he served a three year term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Clara Maass Medical Center, a Barnabas Health System affiliate. Under Mr. Del Mauro's direction, Barnabas Health remains the largest health care system in New Jersey and employs 18,200 nurses,